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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

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1. QTE BACKUP GROUP UNQTE COMPOSED OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, ETC., ARE PROPOSING THAT RESPONSE TO STEVEN SMITH BE MADE BY HIS FATHER, JOSEPH. SENTIMENT HERE IS THAT THIS RESPONSE MUST BE TOUGHEST ONE TRANSMITTED TO DATE AND THAT THERE ARE PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS FOR IT BEING SENT BY STEVEN'S FATHER. TEXT FOLLOWING IS ONE INTO WHICH MR. JOSEPH SMITH HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL INPUT BECAUSE OF HIS UNIQUE POSITION.

2. QTE DEAR SON,

I WRITE TO EXPLAIN TO YOU IN DETAIL FACTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO YOU AND TO THE PRP BY OTHERS, BUT WHICH, FROM WHAT I READ
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IN YOUR LETTERS OF JULY 13 AND 14, THEY APPARENTLY DO NOT SEEM

TO UNDERSTAND.

NO ONE HAS RELAXED THEIR EFFORTS OR SLACKENED THEIR DESIRE TO SEE YOU FREE. NO ONE IS SATISFIED BY THE RELEASE OF JUST CARRIE AND EMILIE. AS FAR AS EVERYONE HERE IS CONCERNED, ONE LIFE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS FOUR.

YOU SAY THAT THE PRP THINKS THINGS ARE HAPPENING TOO SLOWLY. LET ME TELL YOU WHO IS RESPONSIBLE. YOUR LETTER DATED 8 JULY 1975 WAS RECEIVED IN KIGOMA ON FRIDAY, 11 JULY. AMBASSADOR CARTER PREPARED AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE, TO BE COLLECTED AS AGREED ON SATURDAY MORNING, 12 JULY, THE MESSENGERS WHO WERE TO RETURN ON SATURDAY MORNING, 12 JULY, DID NOT RETURN UNTIL SUNDAY, 13 JULY. WE ARE TOLD THEY LEFT KIGOMA SUNDAY NIGHT, 13 JULY, AND THEREFORE PROBABLY DID NOT ARRIVE BACK ON YOUR SIDE UNTIL AT LEAST MONDAY MORNING, 14 JULY. WHO THEN IS MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TOO SLOWLY?

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR AS THE DAY -- WE, YOUR PARENTS, STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND EVERYONE ELSE INVOLVED HAVE LIVED UP TO THEIR END OF THE BARGAIN WHICH WAS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF ALL THREE OF YOU. THIS WAS TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AT THE TIME CARRIE AND EMILIE WERE FREED. THE PRP FAILED TO KEEP ITS SIDE OF THE BARGAIN. THE PRP THEN SAID YOU WOULD BE RELEASED FOUR DAYS LATER. YOU WERE NOT RELEASED. YOU HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED.

THE PRP HAVING SAID THAT GENERAL NONDO WAS AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE THE RELEASE OF THE STUDENTS NOW ADDS ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS BEYOND THOSE ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED. THEY KEEP ASKING WHAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IS ON THE RELEASE OF PRP PRISONERS. THE TANZANIAN POSITION IS QUITE CLEAR. THEY SAID THEY WOULD NOT RELEASE ANY PRP PRISONERS BEYOND S. KALENGA UNTIL YOU WERE RELEASED. THAT POSITION REMAINS EXACTLY THE SAME. IF YOU ARE RELEASED UNHARMED, THEN I AM SURE THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ACT FAVORABLY ON ANY PRP PRISONERS THEY HOLD. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THEM TO DO SO. IF THEY DO NOT ACT FAVORABLY, THEN I AM SURE THE PRP WILL KNOW HOW TO PROCEED IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THOSE STILL HELD. WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN ABOUT THIS, BUT I THINK IT IS MAINLY BETWEEN THE PRP AND THE TANZANIANS TO WORK OUT AMONG THEMSELVES.

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CARRIE AND EMILIE ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON JULY 13, WHICH YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD IN ITS ENTIRETY, BUT WHICH WAS CARRIED BY MANY INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICES. THIS STATEMENT, AND AN INTERVIEW WITH BARBARA THE NEXT DAY, WERE BROADCAST VERY WIDELY, AND IN MANY LANGUAGES, INCLUDING FRENCH AND SWAHILI, AND TOLD THE WORLD ABOUT THE PUBLICITY FOR THE PRP WHICH THEY PLAN TO PROVIDE WHEN YOU ARE FREE. AS THE ANNOUNCER OF THE BBC SAID, THE WORLD WILL BE LOOKING FOR PUBLICITY ABOUT THE PRP WHEN YOU ARE FREED. NOTHING

WOULD DO MORE DAMAGE TO THE PRP CAUSE-- OR PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF
THEIR ENEMIES-- THAN THEIR HARMING YOU. DOESN'T THE PRP UNDER-
STAND THAT THE BEST PUBLICITY FOR THEM MUST BE THAT WHICH RESULTS
FROM YOUR SAFE RETURN? I HOPE THAT THEY WILL NOW BEGIN TO UNDER-
STAND THIS, BUT SO FAR THE PRP JUST KEEPS SENDING NEW ORDERS,
NEW DEMANDS, FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS. WHEN WILL THEY END? ALL WE
ASK IS THAT THEY FULFILL THEIR PROMISE TO RELEASE YOU. WE ARE
PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND UNDER-
TAKINGS. BUT WE CAN DO NO MORE UNTIL THE PRP SETS YOU FREE AS
THEY HAVE PROMISED.
WITH CONSTANT LOVE,
DAD UNQTE
CARTER

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